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3. (Amended) The robot according to claim 1, wherein the friction-increasing means is structured as to penetrate bearing means effecting a permanent deformation.

4. (Amended) The robot according to claim 1, wherein the friction-increasing means comprise a plurality of grooves.

5. (Amended) The robot according to claim 1, wherein the bearing means abuts with the surface and is pressed thereagainst to fit tightly.

6. (Amended) The robot according to claim 4, wherein the grooves are oriented primarily parallel with the central axis of the bearing means.

7. (Amended) The robot according to claim 1, wherein the bearing means is comprised of a polymer material.

8. (Amended) The robot according to claim 1, wherein the robot comprises a delta robot.

Cancel claims 9, 10 and 11

Add new claims 12, 13, and 14.

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~~12~~ ~~14~~ --14. A method for eliminating risk of play in a three-axle ball and socket joint in an industrial robot, comprising the steps of providing at least one linkage device for the robot, the device having pull rods arranged in a multi-joint system where the joints each comprise the three-axle ball and socket joint, providing a socket of the joint with a housing to accommodate a bearing means, providing the housing with a surface against which the bearing means abuts, fixing the bearing means such that the bearing means does not rotate in the housing, the fixing step being effected by providing the surface with friction-increasing means, and engaging the friction-increasing means with the bearing means when the bearing means is positioned in place.

13. The method according to claim 12, comprising the further step of pressing the bearing means to fit tightly in place in the housing of the joint socket.

14. The method according to claim 12, comprising the further step of deforming the material of the bearing means by permanent deformation by the friction-increasing means when the bearing means is placed in position.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8 have been amended to more closely conform the application to U.S. standards. Claims 9, 10, and 11 have been cancelled. Also new claims 12, 13 and 13 have been added. No new matter has been introduced, and all multiple dependent claims have been cancelled.